

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yijia Bao et al.

**Preliminary Amendment**

Serial No: 09/925,808

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: Ethan Whisenant, Ph.D.

Title: TREATMENT OF SUBSTRATES  
FOR IMMOBILIZING  
BIOMOLECULES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/925,808 filed August 9, 2001 and the benefit of priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 is hereby claimed.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-23 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The amendments made herein are of a formal nature and do not add any new matter.

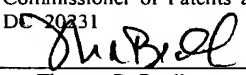
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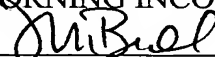
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